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1. HIGHLIGHTS. PAPERS SINCE THURSDAY OFTEN FEATURED
INDOCHINA REFUGEES; FRIDAY WASHSTAR FRONTPAGED SALT TALKS
FLOUNDERING; SATURDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED FORD TO INCLUDE
SPAIN ITALY SADAT ON EUROPEAN TRIP; ALSO SCHLESINGER SEES

EBB OF CONFIDENCE IN US; SUNDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGEDFORDAT COMMISSIONING OF CARRIER NIMITZ VOWED US WILL KEEP ITS PLEDGES; WASHSTAR FRONTPAGED US SOVIET ON DEFENSIVE AT NPT CONFERENCE; BALTSUN FRONTPAGED MOSCOW FACES RISKS IN INDOCHINA. SCATTERED COMMENT INCLUDES SOMEON PORTUGUESE ELECTION.

1A. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD JACK ANDERSON COLUMN, SOVIET STAGES MOCK ATOMIC ATTACK ON US. FRIDAY WASHPOST INSIDE HAD WELLINGTON AGENCY FRANCE-PRESSE REPORTING NEW ZEALAND ANNOUNCES ARRANGEMENTS WITH SWEDEN FOR A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN DETECTING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. FRIDAY NYTIMES REPORTED MOSCOW APPLAUDS VIETNAM VICTORS IN

RESTRAINED TONE; BALTSUN REPORTED YUGOSLAVIA MAY NOT ATTEND EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.

1B. SATURDAY NYTIMES INSIDE REPORTED NO QUICK SOLUTION SEEN AT CSCE, ALSO IAEA PROPOSES STRICTER GUARDING OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS; WASHPOST REPORTED 5 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RATIFY NPT; ALSO HAD ITEM ON PROPOSAL TO BAN NUCLEAR SALES WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS; ALSO NAVY CHALLENGES CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVE, SELECTS F-18 FIGHTER.

1C. SUNDAY NYTIMES HAS LONG PIECE ON CARRIER NIMITZ; ALSO STORY ON JOINT US SOVIET PROJECT IN HUMANITIES; BALTSUN REPORTED DISSIDENT PAPER, CHRONICLE OF CURRENT EVENTS, IS BACK IN SOVIET.

1D. MONDAY WASHPOST SQUIB REPORTS WALDHEIM IN GENEVA; ALSO SIZEABLE STORY ON FEARS OF ATOMIC BOMB PROLIFERATION; PLUS KISSINGER SAYS SOVIETS WERE MODERATELY HELPFUL ON EVACUATION; NYTIMES REPORTS MOYNIHAN SAYS ABILITY OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS TO RETAIN NON-COMMUNIST CHARACTER DEPENDS ON POWER BALANCE BETWEEN US USSR.

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2. SALT. FRIDAY WASHSTAR BRADSHAW LOCAL REPORTED SOVIET-AMERICAN EFFORTS TO CONVERT VLADIVOSTOK INTO A BINDING TREATY WILL RECESS SHORTLY IN DEADLOCK ON THE MAIN ISSUE OF VERIFYING NUMBERS OF MISSILE WARHEADS, ACCORDING TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, ADDING TWO SIDES RE UNABLE TO AGREE ON HOW TO COUNT MISSILES IN THE LIMIT OF 1320 ON MIRVS. BRADSHAW RECALLS KISSINGER HAS SAID THE ISSUE IS ONE ON WHICH US IS QUOTE GOING TO BE ADAMANT AND WILL NOT YIELD, WHICH IS NON-NEGOTIABLE UNQUOTE. BRADSHAW SAID THE ADMINISTRATION FEELS THAT USEFUL CLARIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT IN GENEVA ON VLADIVOSTOK BUT CENTRAL ISSUE OF VERIFICATION NOW REQUIRES FURTHER TOP-LEVEL DECISIONS AND GENEVA TALKS WILL RECESS FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD TO PERMIT DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN

WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, ADDING THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS EXPECT KISSINGER TO MEET WITH DOBRYNIN TO WORK OUT THE VERIFICATION PROBLEM, BUT HOW SOON THAT WILL HAPPEN IS UNCLEAR AND HE MIGHT HAVE TO GO TO MOSCOW TO DEAL WITH BREZHNEV DIRECTLY. ACCORDING BRADSHER, SUCH A TRIP IS IN ANY EVENT EXPECTED TO OCCUR BEFORE BREZHNEV COMES TO US, BRADSHER ADDING THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS THINK THE

SOVIETS ARE UNDER MORE PRESSURE THAN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION TO GET A TREATY SIGNED THIS YEAR AND THEREFORE MIGHT

BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON VERIFICATION. BRADSHER SAYS SINCE 1976 IS A POLITICAL YEAR IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY ANY TREATY COULD BE CONCLUDED THEN BECAUSE IT WOULD BE TOO CONTROVERSIAL ON CAPITOL HILL, SO IF MOSCOW WANTS TREATY BEFORE 1977 IT SHOULD ACT THIS YEAR; STILL THE DIFFICULTIES ON AGREEING ARE CONSIDERABLE.

3. OTHER NUCLEAR. SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL UPI REPORTING FIVE MEMBERS OF EEC BECAME FULL MEMBERS OF NPT, THEIR AMBASSADORS SIGNING AT STATE DEPARTMENT, AND BRINGING TOTAL TO 91 COUNTRIES, AS DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL SAID THESE SIGNINGS WERE AN EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE TREATY AND SAID SIGNATORIES NOW INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL STATES WHICH ARE AMONG THE PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND AMONG THE PRINCIPAL CONSUMERS OF NUCLEAR
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ENERGY. INGERSOLL SAID THE RATIFICATIONS ADDED SIGNIFICANT MOMENTUM TO THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WAR AND TO THE GOAL OF NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL.

3A. SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD ROUNDUP ITEM FROM UNITED NATIONS REPORTING ON A REPORT BY THE UN ASSOCIATION OF US WHICH DECLARED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS FOR US TO AGREE TO JOIN WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND KNOW-HOW TO BAR NUCLEAR SALES TO NATIONS THAT FAIL TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS, ADDING THAT THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A WORLD SATURATED WITH WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. ITEM SAYS THE PANEL REPORT WAS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH A CONFERENCE OF 85 NATIONS THAT HAVE RATIFIED NPT.

3B. SUNDAY WASHSTAR BRADSHER LOCAL REPORTED CONFERENCE TO REVIEW THE WAY NPT HAS BEEN WORKING OPENS IN GENEVA WITH US AND SOVIET UNION EXPECTED TO BE CAST IN THE ROLE OF CO-DEFENDANTS, SINCE BOTH WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THEIR NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS INSTEAD OF RESTRAINING THEM AS NPT REQUIRES. SOME NATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLAIN, AND

SOME MAY DEMAND THE SUPERPOWERS PROMISE NOT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FIRST IN ANY CONFLICT. BRADSHER SAYS SUCH A PROMISE IS CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE BY US OFFICIALS BECAUSE IT WOULD UNDERMINE THE CONFIDENCE OF NATO ALLIES IN AMERICAN PROTECTION. ACCORDING BRADSHER, THERE IS A SUSPICION AMONG THE MANY CRITICS OF US ARMS CONTROL POLICY THAT THE NPT REVIEW IS BEING APPROACHED WITH AN ATTITUDE SIMPLY OF TRYING TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE FROM PROPAGANDISTIC ATTACKS, RATHER THAN WITH ANY CONSTRUCTIVE

HOPES FOR FURTHERING THE CAUSE OF AVOIDING A DANGEROUSLY NUCLEAR-ARMED WORLD, BUT HIGH ADMINISTRATION SOURCES DENY THIS AND TALK OF EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR BETTER CONTROLS ON NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND OTHER STEPS. BRADSHER ADDS US DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY IKLE WHO HAS BEEN WARNING AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND POINTING OUT THAT NPT LACKS THE TEETH OF AN ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM. ACCORDING BRADSHER, SOVIET BLOC GREATLY OUTNUMBERS NATO IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TROOPS AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONRY IN EUROPE, AND AMERICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE THE MAIN BALANCING FACTOR, BRADSHER ADDING US IS UNWILLING TO DO ANYTHING NOW WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER ITS CREDIBILITY AS A RELIABLE ALLY AND SO MUST POLITELY BUT FLATLY REJECT ANY IDEA OF PROMISING TO RESTRICT ITSELF ON DEFENDING NATO WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ACCORDING OFFICIALS. BRADSHER SAYS OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT EURATOM SIGNINGS AND SOUTH KOREA'S AND JAPANESE MOVES TOWARD RATIFICATION.

3C. MONDAY WASHPOST HAS GENEVA AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE REPORTING ARRIVAL OF WALDHEIM TO PRESIDE AT OPENING OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE RESULTS OF NPT; ON TUESDAY HE WILL ATTEND WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS.

3D. MONDAY WASHPOST O'TOOLE LOCAL STARTS LONG PIECE WITH

QUOTE BY LIBYA'S QADDAFI AND NUCLEAR EXPERTS AT GENEVA REVIEW CONFERENCE FEAR QADDAFI MAY BE HALF RIGHT: WHILE ATOMIC BOMBS ARE NOT YET FOR SALE, NUCLEAR MONOPOLY MAY INDEED BE OVER. ACCORDING O'TOOLE, A SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED SAID: THE REAL MONSTER DOWN THE ROAD IS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION; IT IS INEVITABLE THERE WILL BE THREE OR FOUR NEW NUCLEAR POWERS IN NEXT TEN YEARS. O'TOOLE CALLS IT IRONICAL THIS KIND OF PESSIMISM IS BEING VOICED NOW WHEN ON SURFACE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT IN VIEW OF RECENT NPT RATIFICATIONS, BUT THESE WERE ORCHESTRATED TO OPEN THE REVIEW CONFERENCE. ALSO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS ARE WORRIED THERE MAY BE A MOVE AFOOT BY TWO OR THREE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO DISAVOW NPT. REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL PRESENTS A DILEMMA FOR US, SAYS O'TOOLE: IF US REFUSES TO SELL

REPROCESSING PLANTS TO IRAN, SEOUL, ETC. IT MUST AGREE TO REPROCESS SPENT FUEL FROM OVERSEAS, MEANING THE US WOULD BECOME THE WORLD'S NUCLEAR GARBAGE DUMP. BRADSHAW MENTIONS PROF. WILLRICH'S PROPOSAL FOR MULTI-NATIONALLY-OWNED FACILITIES, SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION.

3E. MONDAY WASHSTAR HAS UNSIGNED ROUNDUP STORY FROM GENEVA REPORTING THAT NPT, SOMEWHAT DENTED BUT STILL

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INTACT, COMES UP FOR REVIEW TODAY BY ITS 91 MEMBERS, ADDING TREATY WAS DENTED BY INDIA'S NUCLEAR BLAST, AND IS FURTHER IMPAIRED BY REFUSAL OF NUCLEAR-POTENTIAL COUNTRIES SUCH AS ISRAEL, EGYPT, BRAZIL, PAKISTAN TO SIGN.

4. CSCE. MONDAY NYTIMES FLORA LEWIS GENEVA SAID SENIOR DIPLOMATS FROM WESTERN, EASTERN AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES ATTENDING CSCE SEE NO SIGN OF A BREAKTHROUGH ON KEY ISSUES WITH POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BOTH EAST AND WEST; AND SOME SAY UNLESS THERE IS AN UNFORSEEN BREAKTHROUGH IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS HELSINKI SUMMIT MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. LEWIS REPORTS A CLOSING OF RANKS BETWEEN US AND WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES TO OFFSET ANY FEELING THAT WEST MIGHT BE WEAKENED BY RECENT US SETBACKS, WITH ONE NEUTRALIST DIPLOMAT SAYING US MUST STAND FIRM NOW AND MOSCOW MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS IF RUSSIANS WANT HELSINKI SOON.

5. ANDERSON. THURSDAY WASHPOST ANDERSON COLUMN SAID SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISE WAS MOCK NUCLEAR ATTACK ON US AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ALSO SHOW RUSSIANS ARE CONSTRUCTING HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED, BOMB-PROOF UNDERGROUND COMMAND POSTS. ANDERSON SAID SOURCES CAUTION AGAINST JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA SAYING SOVIETS SHOW NO SIGNS OF ABANDONING DETENTE WITH US, WITH DISMISSAL OF SHELEPIN SUGGESTING MOSCOW STILL WANTS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US.

6. PORTUGUESE ELECTION. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE EDITORIALIZED ON APRIL 25 ELECTION, ALL WELCOMING THE COMBINED MAJORITY OF VOTES FOR SOCIALIST AND POPULAR DEMOCRAT PARTIES, ALONG WITH WEAK SHOWING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND ITS ALLIES, AND ALL EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THIS OUTCOME WILL MODIFY THE THINKING OF THE RULING ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (NYTIMES, WASHSTAR, BALTSUN). BOSTON GLOBE THINKS AFM WILL NEED TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELECTION; ETUR S, AND IT SAYS OF US POLICY THAT WE NOW HAVE ALL THE PROOF WE NEED THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO HELP OUT THIS OLD EUROPEAN FRIEND. WASHPOST DECLARED THAT THE LEAST DR. KISSINGER CAN DO NOW IS TO FIND AN OCCASION TO TRY TO SOFTEN THE HARSH IMPACT WITH

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HIS EARLIER REMARKS PRODUCED IN LISBON. ACCORDING TO
PHILA INQUIRER, US SHOULD WARN SOVIETUNION THAT ITS
INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED; THE RUSSIANS CANNOT EXPECT DETENTE TO WORK
IN ONLY ONE DIRECTION. KISSINGER

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